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## A Time to Give Thanks



### Give Thanks



Written by Michelle Covington in 2000. Michelle served on the paper for three years and won many awards in journalism UIL. She is now a college graduate and a missionary. She is just one of the many successful young people who has graduated from IHS.

We use this poem as a tribute to a wonderful young lady and as a thanksgiving for having the privilege to touch her life and having her touch ours.

We give thanks for our friends  
We give thanks for our food  
We give thanks for objects  
Lying around the room.

We think we know  
what the Holiday is about  
Turkey and stuffing  
And having family around.

It's time to remember  
The sacrifices made  
By the brave souls who sailed  
Onto Plymouth Rock that day.

They thanked God for survival  
They thanked God for life  
They thanked God for delivering them  
From persecution and strife

As Thanksgiving comes  
Though you've got so much planned  
Remember the sacrifices  
That gave us this land.

### Rotarians Honored as Paul Harris Fellows



widow of Harold Fehnel.

Harold Fehnel (posthumously) and Ollie Baker received the highest award Rotary International bestows on its members, Paul Harris Fellow membership, at a banquet attended by family, friends and fellow Rotarians. Club President Lance Meinzer presented the award to Ollie Baker and Beverly Fehnel, Continued on page 3.

### StuCo Weights in at Food For Families Drive



Itasca High School students (left to right) Josh Huff, Terrey Brumalaw, Courtney Phillips, Valerie Farquhar and GiGi Morgan delivered 2, 222 pounds of food to HIM and the Food for Families Drive in Hillsboro, Friday, November 16. For the past four weeks, students from Pre-K to the senior classes at IISD brought canned goods to school to donate to this worthy cause.

Coach Dakan's classes (middle school) brought in over 160 cans of food. Mrs. Brown's first grade had over 120 cans.

Gigi Morgan IHS student in charge of the drive said, "I'm excited that we raised almost seven hundred pounds more of food this year."

## Churches of Itasca

<u>Bethlehem Missionary Baptist</u>	W. Spurgeon	687-2800
<u>Central Baptist Church</u>	401 E. Monroe	687-2343
<u>Church of Christ</u>	200 N. Aquilla	687-2774
<u>First Baptist Church</u>	107 S. Lamar	687-2783
<u>First Presbyterian Church</u>	106 N. Lamar	687-2243
<u>First United Methodist</u>	Main & King St.	687-2475
<u>Loveview Baptist Church</u>	FM 2959 East of I-35	
<u>Second Baptist Church</u>	120 W. Marrion	687-9134
<u>Shiloh Community Church</u>		254-582-0487
<u>St. John Missionary Baptist</u>	506 S. Weaver	687-2821
<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Day Worship Center</u>	107 E. Adams	214 564-2185
<u>Itasca Nursing Home</u>		Sunday - 10:00 a.m.
Everyone Welcome	Monday Evening	6:00 p.m.

### Central Baptist Church

Sunday: Praise and Worship 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 Worship 10:50 a.m.

R.A.'s & G.A.'s (1st-6th) - Youth (7th-12th) 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Worship 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Ladies' Bible Study 10:45-12:15 p.m.

Wednesday - Supper 6:00 p.m. (\$2.00 ea. w/\$10.00 max/family) Adult Bible Study and Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Youth (7th-12th) 7:00 - Kids' Choir 7:00 p.m.

### First United Methodist Church

Come join us in our beautiful, historic sanctuary, where worship is a joyous celebration. Main at King St. Rev. Tom Wood, Pastor

Worship 10:50 a.m.  
254-687-2475

### Itasca Church of Christ

The emptiest, loneliest thing in the world is a Birth - Life - Death without ever hearing the gospel, and no one ever praying.

Won't you join us for worship at the Itasca Church of Christ, 200 N. Aquilla? We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45 and 10:45 am, and 5:00 pm, and on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Live the fullness of Life that GOD intended. Itasca Church of Christ 200 N. Aquilla

### First Presbyterian Church

#### Sunday Schedule

9:00 Praise & Worship (Sanctuary) Cross Roads Band

9:15 - 9:45 Fellowship Time in Barton Hall

9:45 - 10:30 Sunday School all Ages (Nursery - Seniors)

10:50 - Praise and Worship - 11:00 - Worship Service  
"Hour of Power" - 7th - 12th grades

Sunday evenings 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Barton Hall

Exercise Classes- Senior Citizens Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m.

Game Night - 3rd Tuesday Night - 6:00 p.m.

Angel Food Ministry Host Site - 687-2243

### Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Month 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

### Itasca Ministerial Alliance Meeting

Sat., December 1 - 9:00 a.m. - Central Baptist Church

### Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, December 17, 2007 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

### Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

December 10, 2007 7:00 p.m.

IISD Administration Building - 123 N College St.

### Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Monday, November 26, 2007 5:30 p.m.

HILCO Operations Building E. Main St.

### Volunteer Fire Department Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Month Business Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Month Fire Training - 7:00 p.m.

Fire Station Downtown Itasca

## Community Holiday Events

Christmas Parade & Downtown Celebration  
Saturday, December 1, 2007 - 5:30 p.m.

Community Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 9, 2007 6:00 p.m.

Central Baptist Church

Garden Club & Chamber of Commerce  
Brunch

Monday, December 3, 2007 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Farrow Room @ HILCO

City Hall Open House

Monday, December 10, 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Itasca City Offices 126 N. Files St.

Chamber of Commerce

Christmas Home Decorating Contest

Judging 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 18

\*\*\*Must complete an application to be eligible for judging (Available at bank, city hall, Jimmy's, Café, Smart Stop, Handy's, DQ, Exit 8, Chevron & HILCO) Deadline for application is Thursday, December 13.

December 24-January 4 - IISD Christmas  
Holiday - School resumes at 8:00 a.m.

January 7, 2008.

**Hill County Commissioners'  
Court imposed a 90-day outdoor burn  
ban beginning November 13.  
(Agriculture Exemption)**

## Rotarian Awards

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Fehnel and Baker were recognized as Paul Harris Fellows in appreciation for the ways that their lives have



exemplified the humanitarian and educational objectives of The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Club was founded in 1905 by a businessman in Chicago. Its goals and aims are to “save and invigorate the lives of people around the world and to enhance international friendship and understanding. Rotary’s programs have provided educational opportunities, food, potable water, health care, immunizations and shelter for millions of people. “



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### Paw Print Press Staff – I’m Thankful

My loving family, my truck, my amigos and my German shepherd, Denver - Sarah Evans, My momma, daddy, sisters and brothers, the game of basketball, Tralyn’s beautiful face, and my terrific friends - Mary Maddox, Rubie, West Virginia Mountaineers, Terrey Brumbalow, Rikki, my mom, and God. Zech O’Rarden, My family – Eva Mayberry, My family and Allante – Ashley Durham, My family - Megan Goff, My family, friends, food and money. – Maria Worth, All the wonderful people who support me in my life – Jessica Grindele, “We’re sure she is thankful for missing a week of school to go on vacation. –PPP staff” – Devin Corbitt, My family, friends, my health, and the troops that are fighting for our country – GiGi Morgan, My family – Nick Worth

## Happy Birthday He’s Turning 3!

De'Reyon Mayberry turned 3 years old on Saturday, November 17, 2007.

He celebrated his birthday with a Spiderman themed party with all his family and friends

Happy Birthday,  
We Love You!!



## Hunting Guide Theme 1<sup>st</sup> in Scarecrow Contest



Melinda Routh’s scarecrow scene of a hunter won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Chamber of Commerce 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scarecrow Contest. She received a \$25 gift certificate redeemable at an Itasca business.

The Chamber urges everyone to become involved with the various contests. They are held in an effort to decorate and beautify our town. The Christmas lighting contest will be judged on Monday, December 17. Deadline for submitting a “Please Judge Me Form” is Thursday, December 13. Forms are at most Itasca businesses and city hall.

## Thanksgiving Musical Benefits

The Lord’s House Ministry & Homeless Shelter

Live music – Performances by local Youth  
Choirs and choirs from Itasca & Hillsboro

Special guest from Fort Worth

Heaven-Or-Hell Outreach Ministry #2  
608½ Gould St. Hillsboro

Saturday, November 24 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call 254-580-1100

Everyone is Welcome

## Cats Lose 28 – 36 in Bi-District Playoff

Reporter Nick Worth



Last Thursday night the Wampus Cats took on Palmer Bulldogs in Midlothian in a Bi-District match-up.

The Cats' game started sluggish as they had trouble connecting plays together into a successful drive. Unfortunately, for the Itasca fans, the Bulldogs had no trouble getting to the "red zone" and it was straight through to score. Itasca was stopped again and a 60-yard run yielded another TD for Palmer. With the Bulldogs making both of their conversions, the score at the end of the first quarter was 0-16.

Near the end of the second quarter, the Cats started to speed things up and put Palmer in 4th down and 30 yards to go situations. The Cats were still unable to stop the Bulldogs from scoring again. A forced punt placed Itasca on their own 1-yard line.



They drove all the way down field and with no time left on the clock, they managed to score. They entered the field house at half time down 22-6.

Itasca came out strong in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter caused a fumble and drove to the end zone to score. However, Palmer matched it and pulled away again - 28-12. It appeared Itasca was back in the game when they scored again, ending the third quarter - 20-28.

During the fourth quarter, each team managed to score one more time. The Cats' failure to "play" the first quarter gave them this unexpected loss and ended their season.

## I am Thankful For . . . (Community)

Matt Fehnel for being a good mayor and nice person. Sydnee Perkins, Yesenia Lara for being a wonderful Lady Cat trainer. Megan Goff, Outside workers who clean up the town, especially when they have to work in the cold and wet. Pam Willman, Bob Wilson and Margaret Rhea who wear many hats and receives little praise for all of their work. Barbara Petrash, Itasca ISD for being such a good district to work for. - Deborah Buxkemper, The volunteer fire department because they are always there when they are called on. Amanda Cranfill, Mrs. Gordon because she is so wonderful. Mrs. Hennig, Mr. Harris for an awesome first year. Lisa Von Borstel, Care Flight techs and EMS workers. John Prescott, Coaches for making the play offs - Journey Douangsouphonh

### Seniors

My momma because she brought me into this world and has pushed me to succeed. Also because she is the best cook around. - Tralyn Harden, The coaches because I am skinny. - Edgar Soto, The people God has put in my life because he puts people in our lives for a reason, for a season, even for a lifetime. - Yesenia Lara, My mother and the rest of my family, my boyfriend Jaylyn and my cousin and her boyfriend David. - Ebonie Scott, Ashlee Carranza because she is class representative of 2008 Boo-Yah! - Zac Johnson, My grandparents because they are very loving. - Valerie Farquhar, My nephew, without him mine and my sister's life wouldn't be the same. - Dee Marshall, Mrs. Gordon because she has done a lot for me over the last three years in and debate and everything else. - Nick Worth

### Juniors

My granny, Tommie Jackson, who I love very much for being here for me for 16 years and I wouldn't know what to do if I lost her. I love you Granny! Courtney Phillips, My family. Mikey Marshall, Good friends that will always help you out through tough times. Lydia Milstead, Family, clothes and shoes. Kendra Webb, Family & friends. Lindsey Handorf

### Sophomores

My momma, daddy, family, my church, my pastor, and God. - Desmond Guy, Baby Jesus, my momma, and baby oil. - Stanley Johnson, My momma and cousin Shapel. - Amanda Jones, The Lady Wampus Cats. - Chantel Courtner, My niece because without her I would be nothing. - Tevin Mayberry

### Faculty

God's blessings and my family - Susan Adkins, My sweet group of second graders and my new horse trailer with a bathroom - Gayla Cockerham, My family, friends, and my third graders, past and present - Karla Lightsey, My wonderful family, friends, good health and my great students - Judie McClure, My students, because most are kind and sweet and make my job fun. Janet Gordon, Mom & Dad because they have always loved me, taken care of me & supported me. Sally Crouch, God and family because they are loving and put up with me. Rickie Harris, My husband because he is so patient and puts up with me. Brenda Swilley, My husband, son & baby because they make me smile and they are my best accomplishment. Kelly Tinklenberg

## I'm Thankful For . . . Pre-Kindergarten

Getting to watch TV - Raymond Arellano, Mom and Dad making me feel happy - Tempest Arellano, Brother, NaNa, Deshia, Michael, GiGi, and Alyssa, Jasmine, Aleyah, Keisha, Jacob - Anna Anderson, Turkey - Susie Balch, My sister who shares her toys for me - Hannah Whitlock, Having my whole family to love me - Yeni Delgado, My family - Zamaria Christopher, Family - Bryan Bautista, Giving things to my mom, dad, and sister - Kyle Kirkpatrick, My mom giving me Shrek toothpaste - Jimmy Heath, My mom and dad giving me something to do - Derek Crawford, Being able to give my dog some food because he is hungry - Dezireah Wilson, Getting a Christmas Barbie at Christmas time - Aidan Sargent, Mom, dad, uncle, and my aunt - Courtney Upton, My mom being good to me - Angel Diaz, Having my brother Joshua to play with- Emmersyn Cardona, Being able to watch cartoons - Hunter Bayse, Putting good stuff in my tummy - Daniel Burns, My tractor - Lane Burt, Giving - Joshua Cardona, Family - Braeden Castro, Family - Erick Diaz, Cartoons - Favian Flores, Eating - Bernardo Garcia, My book - Freddy Gonzales, When I play with my brother. And for Emmy playing with me all of the time - Meah Hanshaw, My parents building me a house and giving me food - Jesse Harris, My mom and dad - Orlando Hernandez, Thanksgiving and for my home - Trinity Houston, My toys and playing outside - Eli Jacks, Watching cartoons - Jeremiah Jackson, My daddy loving me - Alanna Jeffers, Getting to hear bedtime stories by my momma - Dustin Latray, My mom reading me a book - Jonathon Ortega, My daddy taking me to the park - Kalee Payne, Friends and Family - Melanie Rangel, Momma - Desiree Rasco, Juice, Milk, and toys - Nikuis Reyes, Getting to go to sleep - John Wesley Rhea, Playing with my toys - Aleesia Sarli, All of my friends - Justin Seward, Dad, mom, and my sisters-Katie and Kylie - Chloe Sherber, Friends and playing - Logan Strona, Being able to give to someone - Ashley Tetreault, Eating pumpkin pie and pancakes - Ashton Tinklenberg, My mommy and daddy and my dog - Andrea Torres, My momma and dad - Marshall Woods, Lollipops - Elizabeth Wright, Getting to play - Marcus Yanez, My cats and dog - Arly Zavala, Getting to play - Joshua Soto, My family, my brothers, and my sisters - Bryan Bautista



## I'm Thankful For . . . Kindergarten



Hamburgers, chicken, fries, and waffles - Mason Griffin, Flowers, my toys, my bed, and my family - Terry Harris, My mom and dad, my brother and my toys - Weston Helms, My house, my bed, and my family - Trinity Jacks, My mom and my dad - Ryan Markwardt, My teddy bear, kitty, and dog and my family - Niccona Olson, My family - Sarah Ortega, My baby cousin, my sister, and my friends - Kyerra Rockuemore, Being good and toys - Travis Abbott, My mom and dad and my teacher - Laura Anthony, School, Ms. Parker, my friends, my mom and my brother - Kyrstin Bortorff, My nana, Christmas, my birthday, and my family - Anna Boudreux, Playing with my mom outside, my teddy bear and my daddy - Cherokee Carr, My baby kitty, my family, and my big cat named Nicky - Breona Castro, My family and God - Trevor Cockerham, My sisters and brother, my mommy and Nana, and Momma Beth and Daddy - Kaylei Cole, My dirt bike and my family - Gavin Crane, My pet, my brother, Dad and Mom - Dionicio Cruz, My family and my friends - Chris Diaz, Eating and my family - Joe Gonzales, My mom and dad, and my games - Patrick Runyon, All of my friends, my mom, dad, and grandma and grandpa - Damian Sanders, My puppy and my mom and dad - Hannah Verhaagen, My family, my dogs, toys and my room - Andrew Arellano, My momma taking me places and for buying me toys, and Ms. Cole - Avery Barfield, My toys, my family, and my cars - Gillian Brackin, My family, my toys, and dogs - Bree Brown, My family, my dog, and food - Johnathon Bustin, Mrs. Rhea, going outside to play, and food, and Ms. Cole - A'Leavah Hogan, My mom, my PawPaw and my toys - Nicky Johnson, My doll house, my bear, and my room - Jennifer Martinez, My family, my toys, and my PawPaw - Donavan McGill, My granny, my family, and my friends - Eric Mozan, My family, my trampoline, and my toys - Clay Pittman, My family, God, and Ms. Cole - Deacon Pollock, My family and my toys - Vanessa Ramirez, My family, Ms. Cole, and for my PAL Huff - Chase Rutherford, My sister and my brother and for food - Fayth Searcy, Food, my brother and my sister and for getting to play outside - Chloe Shelby, My mom and dad and my doggy - Richard Torris, When I get to go to the playground, my mom, and for the stickers I get from Ms. Cole - Nathalie Willman, My mom and dad and my dog - Lily Cleveland, My family, my grandma, and my two dogs - Derik Davenport, My momma, my daddy and for my momma's car - Ireland Gafford, My uncle, my teachers, and my friends - Alex Gonzales, My mom giving me the best ice cream ever, and for my toys - Kevin Harris, God and for letting me live good and with my family - Kee-Ron Hewitt, My family - Blaine Vaughan,

## Local Hero Honored

Press Release



Midlothian Police Officer, James Dillon, was called into active duty and was deployed to Iraq for 12 months. Officer Dillon recently returned to Texas for some much needed rest.

Covington Elementary School's second grade teacher, Mrs. Linda Hardin, was told of Staff Sgt. Dillon's return and wanted to do something special for him. She and her students drew personalized pictures to say "Thank you." These pictures were put into a poster and presented to Staff Sgt. Dillon in the classroom on Thursday, November 15.

"It was an honor to have him visit our school. It puts a real face to the war and lets the kids know that our soldiers are doing their best to help the people of the world. This was learning experience for every-

one in the room," says one parent.

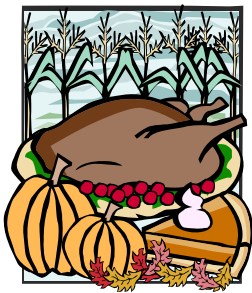
Each of the students showed Staff Sgt. Dillon their picture and told him what it was about. The kids were thrilled to see a "real soldier" in their classroom. They had many questions for him, mostly about the animals and insects that he sees in Baghdad. Staff Sgt. Dillon was most gracious; he answered all of their questions big and small.

"It was an honor for me to visit the school and receive the pictures. It feels so good to know that throughout the political drama, I'm still someone's hero at home. I'm so thankful to have been able to spend time with the class - they brightened my day and I will think of them when I go back to Iraq. This type of support is the most needed, and definitely so appreciated," Staff Sgt. Dillon said.

If you would like to send Staff Sgt. Dillon or his unit something, his address included. Some suggestions for items to send: Letters, Pictures, Drawings/colorings from kids, Post Cards from the city you are sending from, Magazines (Men's Health, News, etc), Stamps, Envelopes, Paper, Spiral Notebook, Insoles for their boots, Battery operated fans, Icy Hot Packs, Chapstick, Christian or Political or religion based books, CD's Food Items: Granola bars, Bare naked granola, Raisins, Dried Fruit, Cookies (No Chocolate), anything healthy (they are always hungry).

<p>Dillon, Staff Sgt. James D. 106th Trans BN A Co 3/144th Inf APO, AE 09391</p>
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## I'm Thankful For . . . 1<sup>st</sup> Grade



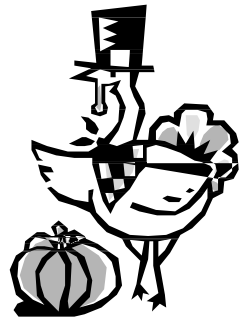
My mommy and daddy, grandma and grandpa, Aunt Tay-Tay, God teachers, friends, school - Bethany Kirkpatrick, My mom and dad, my brother and my dogs - Samuel Sulak, Mom and dad, Aleena and my friends - Mackenzie Heath, Dad, games, Mom, friends, toys, brothers - John Batchelor, Food, drinks, people, house, toys, clothes - Anistashia Rockuemore, Good food and clothes - Kristen Clary, Candy pumpkin, clothes, house shoes - Michael Kirkpatrick, God, my fish, spiders - Kyndel Basye, God, my puppy, food, toy horse, my bike - Kobe McGruder, Lord Jesus - Neo Arellano, Jesus, friends, school - Haley Hubbard, God, my family - Aileene Diaz, Horse, light saver, Jesus - Wyatt Helms, Family, friends, God - Armando Yanez, Puppy, dog, mommy and daddy, friends and school, cousins Bethany and Jacob - Cameren Hight,

Skateboard, light savers, God, Jesus, family and friends, teachers - Jordan Shelby, Friends, cousins, teachers, Granny Guy and both paw paws, family, and everything in my classroom, God, nice people - Malacia Guy, Jesus, the cross and the Lord - Sophie Hennig, Brother, mommy, daddy and friends, toys - Cameron Brandstetter, my mom, my dad, and my house - Rachele Wood, My beds, animals, praying - Chasity Roberson, My family, my friends, animals, food, my mom and dad - Blaze Payne, My Rico, my dog, my mom - Anthony Salazar, my mom, my dad, my brothers - Itzayana Pacheco, My mom, dad, and family - Ethan Greeson, My bike - Jacob Farquhar, My friends, playing, my sister, love - Jeff Knight, My mom and family, my dad and friends - Ariel Gonzales, Clothes and food - Whitley Alverson, Trees, my family, my sister - Katy Sherber, My friend Isabell, my family, food, animals, house, and my clothes - Kenzie Boyd, My animals, my house, my mom and dad, my family - William Burns, My dad, my mom, my friends - Rowdy Rhea, Toys, TV, God - Timothy Jacks, Corn, animals, beds, clothes, food, house, drinks, candy, bread, mom, dad, friends, sister, apples, fruit - Alan Freeman, My friends, turkey, house - Joel Flores, My mom, my food, my family - Ladybug Mayberry, Myself and my grandma - Austin Karr,

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## I'm Thankful For . . . 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Continued

My dog and my momma - Danielle Wilson, A football and videogames - Darryl Montgomery, My teacher and my mom and dad - Hallie Runyon, My toys and my mom - Hannah Bruton, Cows and dogs - Harley Finley, My mommy and my sister - Isabel Avila, My toys and my mom and dad - John Thomas Cardona, Toys and puppies - Justin Basve, My mom and dad - Katelyn George, My sister and my dad - Katie-Lynne Younger, My school and my dad - Keilan Harris, My whole family and my teacher - Lauren Whitfield, Barbie and books - Lupita Gobellan, Football and Play station 2 - Rico Salazar, Machine gun and bike - Travis Hammett, Turkey and juice - Wesley Frederick, Lord, teachers, school board, parents - Samantha Faries, My family, house, toys, cousins - James Savala, Toys, mommy and daddy, two sisters, my brother, bike, family, grandpas and grandmas - Alyssa Andrade, Toys and cats - Joseph Hettick-Gafford, Food and water - Dylan Beam, My bed and TV - Austin Manguam



## I'm Thankful For . . . 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



Helping people - Alexis Arellano, God - Dustin Feazel, Helping my parents - Erik Gonzalez, My toys and my family - Lucas Savers, My friends - Ashlee Hammett, My family and my grandma and grandpa - Heidi Delgado, My dad and my family. I'm also thankful for the Lord - Andrew Plavney, My mom and dad - Damerya Jarrett, My mom, dad, sister, brother, and papa - Amber Stephens, My family and cousins - Angelina Botello, My mom, dad, sister, class, and birthday - Calvin Roberts, Plowing, my mom, dad, brother, sister, sister-in-law, my papa, and my baby nephew - Payton Kimbrell, My family - Alexcia Rodriguez, My family - Brenna Durham, Sharing - Kristen Whitlock, The food because if we don't eat we will die. Eating is good - Sydney Williams, Having a family. I am also thankful for my family because they buy me some clothes and shoes - Abby Torres, My mom because I listen to what my mom said and I clean my room. When I have homework my mom will help me do it if it is hard to do - Rebecca Arellano, The soldiers, family, and freedom - Patricia Stephens, My mom, dad, my sister, and my brothers - Kahleil Barlow, I am thankful for my grandma. She helps me do my homework - Yadakzy Garcia, God, Jesus, Cody Uncle Cody, PALs, Dee Jay, and people that are in Iraq that are fighting for our country and for me - Baylee Smith, My dad. He helped me fix a car. He buys stuff for me. He helps me - Ethan LaFountain, My mommy. I was happy because my mom had a baby sister, Oylah. My mommy is special to me - Monay Snyder, Having a family. I am also thankful for everyone and everything on earth, but most of all, I love Jesus - Halie Sarli, My family because I love them. My uncles, Mike and Gabriele because they play football with me - Joe Savala, I am thankful for the people that go into the war for the United States. - Landon Lain, My family because they are nice to me. They play with me and buy me what I need. - DeAjanae Diggs, My toys and my mom, dad, and sister. I'm thankful I didn't break my right arm so I can still do my school work. - Kyra Henderson, My mom because I love her and she loves me. I love my family. I love my sister and my brother and my dog. - Destany Graham, My family and my grandma and my grandpa. - Justin Feazel, I am thankful for my mom. She helps me all the time, and she's nice to me. I love her very much. - Layton English, My family, my brothers and my sister because they are always nice. - Danny Coronado, I am thankful for my family because they do a lot for me. They love me and I love them. - Melissa Maya, My baseball team because they help me learn to play and they make us win a lot. - Cody Hundley, my mom and dad. - Ricardo Ortega, My family, my lots of cousins, my grandma and grandpa in Waco, and my dogs, too - Nicholas Butler, My family, and good friends, and my brother for playing football with me - Brayden Hennig, My family and my friends - Pepper Rodriguez, My family, my toys, my life, my birthday, my friend and for me - Emili Sarli, My toys because they are awesome and cool and they are men in the spaceship. - Rogelio Zavala, My momma - Noah Thompson, My brother and my mom - Matt Lara, My parents, my family and friend. - Tamera Jackson, My family and friends - Chalo Cavazos, My family, my life and my toys and my mom who is very nice and my dad is too. And my animals. - Alessandra Diaz, My family, cousins and my dog Roscoe. - Breannah Olvera, My family, animals, school, me, my food, my state, my house and lights. - Amanda Arellano, My bother, my dad, mom and cousins. - Dee Jay Dulaney, My family and how God made us. - Destiny Fennell, My mom and dad. - Payton Gonzales, My horses, my family, goats, and cats. For God, Jesus and my friends. - Jennifer Ignacz, My parents and my family. - Chloee Dumas, My family, animals, other people, grownups, Jesus, God, Mary, bugs, insects, trees, leaves, and all living things! - Jocelyn Ali

## A Thanksgiving Wish

Special thanks to Mrs. Pam Willman for sharing her story & the photo



What I am thankful for . . . My Mother's Other Children! Yes, you heard me right. You see, I grew up thinking that I only had one other sister and one other brother. That was all I ever saw in the family photos, birthdays, Christmas and other family gatherings. However, slowly over the years, I have come to realize that there is another brother and sister out there trying to take over my job as the wonderful, considerate, thoughtful child that any parent could have wished for.

I thought that as I got older it was my duty to my mother to take her to the grocery store, the Dollar Store, church, and make sure I call each day. And at the end of each day, I can cross these things off my list, thinking that I have done my "duty." However, these "other children" don't seem to realize that is a duty. They call MY mother and take her to lunch or breakfast for no special reason. They take her shopping and don't look at their watch

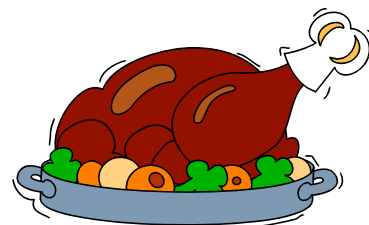
and wonder if they have spent enough time with her. Why, these two other children actually work in her yard for no reason except to be kind and considerate to my mother.

At this time in my life – turning 50 can be an eye-opener – most people would think I would be angry at finding out my mother had two other children taking away from my glory at being her first-born. However, I have slowly realized what a joy that these other "children" of my mother's are experiencing. For I realize that these other children of my mother's are not trying to replace myself and my siblings, they are bringing new joy and comfort to my mother.

My Thanksgiving wish is for everyone to find out that they have a new brother or sister that loves their parents the way that my new family loves my mom. And I am sure that each of you are wondering just who these "siblings" are that love and support my Mother. I would like to thank them – Bobby and Patty Miller – for becoming my new family.

## I'm Thankful For . . . 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

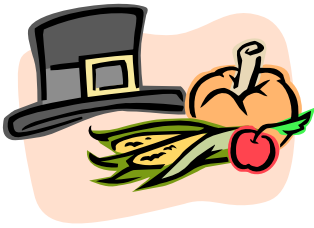
Thanksgiving because it means family, friends and fun - Daniel Montes; Brothers, teacher, and family - Jimmy Arellano; My friends and family, my shelter, and my health - Callie Pittman; Helping people to clean up the mess, my room - Anna Salazar; Helping other people if they need it. I am thankful for supporting other people and being nice - Donavan Garcia; My family, my fish, my pets, my uncle, my aunts, my grandma, my grandpa - Elizabeth Wood; My family and my home and that is all I am thankful for. - Isabella Botella; My mother, my father, my grandfather, turkey, my teacher, people in my class, my uncle Kevin. - Jordan Taylor; I am thankful for my family, the stuff my mom buys for me, my clothes and the money they give me - Daniel Garcia; The food, books to read, work, desk, pencils, computers, teachers, lockers, the notebook paper, bus drivers to drive - AuBreana Simmons; Helping people being nice to other people. Being responsible to others - Marcus Parkerson; My family, pets, horse, food, the earth, shelters, foster homes and education. - Chandley Sargent; My grandma, my dogs and my friends. - Autum Throckmorton; My food, my friends, my house and my friends. - Robert Kirkpatrick; My parents, my dogs, myself, my room and the school - Cameron Wells; I am thankful for helping my little sister with her homework and my mom at work and my big sister clean the dishes - Augustin Pacheco; I am thankful for my dogs, cats, cow, horses, raccoons - Marshal Couldron; My friends because they help me - Ricky Sanders; I am thankful for my mom, my dad, my house and for going to school - Gracie Rugh; My family, friends, the one who made me which is God, and everything I have - Kaleb McGill; I am thankful for my teacher to show me cursive - Kitt Seymour; My parents, my dog, my teacher, my friends and my skateboard - Anthony Fowler; My mom, sisters, friends, my teacher and that I am in school. - Karon Webb; My mom, dad, sister, friends, and computer - Connur Hamblir; My friends, family, pets, teacher, Mrs. Covington, grades, God and where I live - Marissa Chambers; I am thankful for my family, my pets, my friends, and my whole class - Aliegha Rodriguez; I am thankful for my family, pets and food - Jose Delgado; My brain working with me and not against me because I want to get smart - Louis Arellano; For my family, my food, my class and my school - Jessica Sanchez; My home, games, bed, parents, puppy, cows, brother and my friends - Jacob Lacy; My family because God is taking care of them and He takes care of my too. I like God - Brandy Prosser



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## I'm Thankful For . . . More 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade



I am thankful for the school and I like going to school here. - Luis Soto; I'm most thankful for my family, my friends, for what I get and for my teacher, Mrs. Mackey - Katlin Joy; My teacher, family and friends and my house and holidays - Jacob Schronk; My family, friends and that I have warm clothes for winter - Karla Cruz; I am thankful for my family to get together and be a happy family and for my daddy, my mama, my sister, and me. I love my whole family - Jeremiah Perkins; My family and friends. Without them I would be a disaster. I am glad I have them - Henri Martinez; Helping friends and others - Lainey Cavazos; I am thankful for my family because my mom and dad help me with my homework and I love my baby brother - William East; I am thankful for all the food - Consuelo Gonzalez; I am thankful for my mommy, my sister, my grandma, my grandpa and my mommy's boyfriend and his son. I am thankful for having a family and friends - Taylor Campbell; I am thankful for my dog, family and my clothes to keep me warm and my friends to keep me company - Kenneth Falls; I am thankful for my family because they are nice. If they were gone I will be sad - BreAsia Harris; I am thankful for my family, friends, house, school and food because my home keeps me warm - Courtnee Gore; My house, my mom, my dad, my sister and my brother, my whole family - Darius Lara; My family, my friends, my 5 dogs, my warm clothes and my very nice teacher, Mrs. Mackey! - Christian Runyon; My family, my friends, and all my animals - Cristoval Mena

## I'm Thankful For . . . 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

My video games, my family and my chair - Tanner Graig, My friends, my family, and a home full of love, and mostly God - Brandi Fehnel, My friends and family, my house and game room, and my Lord or God - Harley Germer, My family for taking care of me. My friends that I play with, and for the food they give us - Luis Ortiz, My friends because they treat me right and help me to remember to do what I am suppose to - Angel Stephens, My friends, family, and a home to be warm - Ashton Alford, My family, and friends, also the food on my table - Lizbeth Ramirez, Food, family and their love and my house - Amanda Rodriguez, My friends, family and food. I love my family - Tommy Ashley, My best friend Amanda, the army for fighting for our country and my family and their love - Chelsea Searcy, My family, friends, pets, and God. We have plenty of food - Cayce Camp, My family, friends, and mostly God - Kassandra Gabino, The turkeys and potatoes and home full of love, and a bed to sleep in - Trey Cole, My family, cousins, friends, and plenty of food to eat - Esteban Cruz, God and how he gave life. I am also thankful for my parents for loving me - Allena Heath, Food on thanksgiving, like turkey - Wesley Neese, My friends that are kind, my teachers that help us do our work and my mom for loving me - Cheyenne Camp, My three teachers, my family, friends, food, the school, church, and houses - William Stephens, My food, my dad, mom, sisters, brother, aunt, uncles, Mrs. Jean, Mrs. Abbott, and Mrs. Confer - Abraham Ortega, Our school so we can learn, and teachers and my family - Tyler Kittoe, My family, friends, and 4th grade teachers - Davy Barnes, My family, friends, my dog Pee Wee, and cat Fleas, and for having a wonderful teacher - Crisol Zavala, My family, friends, school, teachers, and my mom for caring for me - Amber Jean Schronk, My family being protected, the way we help the people in the world survive, and my teachers protecting me - Liliana DeLaTorre, My mom, dad, brothers, God, school, and the people that keep our community safe - Lydon Ladd Lain, My family, friends, other people in the world and for the people who fought for freedom - Andrea Hightower, My family, the people that are in the army, and God - Jesus Gutierrez, My family because they help me when I need it, and my friends to play with - Kristina Graham, My family, best friends, and my food - Rebeca Ortega, Family and that I have a school to go to and that we have food to eat - Danelle Whitefield, The things my parents get me for Christmas and my birthday - Caitlin Bruton, School, food, and family - Haley Jeffers, My new house that's being built, food that my parents give me, and my shoes - Madison Bassett, My friends, family, and mostly my mom and dad - Leticia Gonzales, My mom, dad, two brothers, and my nephew - James Melson, My friends and family - Triston Davis, My family, my house, food, and my friends - Cesar Diaz, Having a wonderful family, all my friends and also the world for having food - Fathe Altum, My mom, dad, sisters, brothers, and food - Tiffany Ramos, My family and friends - Bailey Vaughan, The food I eat, the cozy bed I sleep in, and the way God made me - Sha'Shana Fennell, All my presents that I get, my family, and my friend Chelsea - Haley Rodriguez, My family, Amanda, my friends, and the world - Bryant Wilson, Food, water, the creatures God made, and plants - Shaun Castro, My mom, brother, and sister - Ethan Hettich-Gafford, I help my grandma to clean up the house. And I help my grandpa too. - Brenda Hernandez, I am thankful help people be nice to people and be kind to people. - Stephanie Pacheco



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## Wampus Cats of the Week

### Itasca Wampus Cat Varsity Football Team

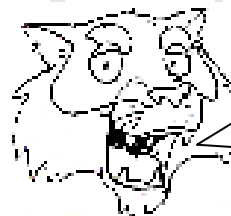


After last years' fabulous season the Wampus Cat fans were looking forward to a great season, and that is exactly what the 2007 Mighty

Wampus Cat Football team and coaches gave them. The Cats were 9-1 in season play and 4-1 in district play. The team says good-bye to nine seniors this year, but the seniors leave knowing they have helped to start a tradition of winning and more important – good sportsmanship and teamwork.

Front Row (l to r): Nicole Kelley, Eva Mayberry, Kendra Webb, Jasmine Guy, Valerie Farquhar, Jessika Rodriguez. 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Autumn Pelham, Angel Turrubiardez, Eric Ortegon, Chad Rutherford, Frank Sanchez, Edgar Soto, DeVeon Mayberry, John Prescott, Sarah Evans. 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Katelyn Seaman, Tralyn Harden, Thomas Garcia, Jonathon Ponce, Tevin Mayberry, Stanley Johnson, Terry Brumbalow, Susie May. 4<sup>th</sup> Row: Lindsey Laird, Adam Handy, Mikey Marshall, Justin Hopkins, Dee Marshall, Desmond Guy, Zech O' Rarden, Chris Pacheco, Megan Goff. 5<sup>th</sup> Row: Jacob Boyd, Ryan Crouch, Jake Key, Zach Basset, Josh Huff, Jacob Pelham, Clayton Wienecke, Top Row: Coaches Trey Bates, Micah Fletcher, Fred Dakan, Wampus Cat (Sydnee Perkins), Coaches Jeffrey Mayberry, Craig Horn, Ben Powell

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&

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**Lots of baby items, children's clothes, ladies' clothes, household items, collectibles, etc. - Some new items, some gently used & some old**

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## **Central Baptist Fundraising**

The Central Baptist youth program is getting a head start on fundraising for summer camp.

On December 1, 2007, the youth will sell brisket at Wal-Mart in Hillsboro.

**Sandwiches- \$4.00**

**Dinner-(includes: sandwiches, canned soda, and chips) \$5.00**

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## **Coat Drive**



RA's and GA's of Central Baptist church are collecting coats and blankets to distribute December 1 to anyone who needs them.

If you have coats, sweaters, or blankets you would like to donate, call Michelle Spain 687-2107 or bring them by the

parsonage at 400 E. Monroe.

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## **Hill County Defensive Driving School**

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